

REMARKS

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Applicants note that the Examiner has acknowledged the references submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 9, 2003.

Applicants note that the Examiner has acknowledged the claim to foreign priority and has acknowledged receipt of a certified copy of the priority documents.

Objection to the Specification

Applicants have amended the title as suggested by the Examiner. Hence, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 112 Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicants have amended the claims and the Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejection.

Claims

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 3-6, 13, and 14 have been elected for prosecution on merits and have been examined. Claims 3 and 13 are amended to improve their readability.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note that the Examiner has found allowable subject matter in claims 13 and 14, and indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

However, Applicants request holding in abeyance such rewriting of the claims until the Examiner has had an opportunity to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the other claims, as discussed below.

Prior Art Rejections

Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Haskell et al (US 6,055,012), hereinafter "Haskell".

For at least the following reasons, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Independent Claim 3

Claim 3 recites a feature of high resolution added images for turning the left eye images or the right eye images to images of high resolution.

The Examiner contends that V2 and V4 shown in Fig. 4 in Haskell correspond to the claimed high resolution added images for turning the left eye images or the right eye images to images of high resolution. The Examiner also contends that V1 and V3 correspond to the claimed left-eye and right-eye images. See Fig. 4.

It is respectfully submitted that V2 and V4 are merely different views of a scene and they are not used to turn the left eye images or the right eye images to images of high resolution. See Haskell, col.6, lines 16-20 and Fig. 4.

Therefore, claim 3 contains patentable subject matter and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection.

Claims 4-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haskell.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 4-6 are patentable at least based on their dependency on independent claim 3.

Claims 13 and 14 are also patentable at least based on their dependency.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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